

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

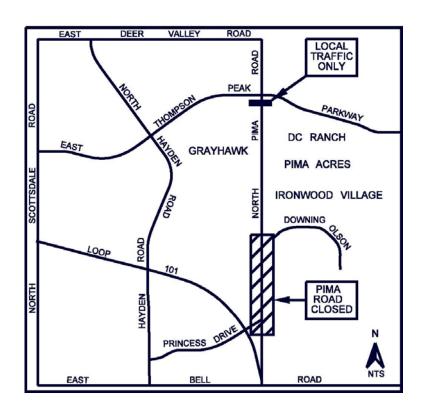
Our Future in Progress

Weekend Closure of Pima Road North of 101 Freeway

Pima Road will be closed from the 101-freeway exit to Downing Olsen Street from 9 p.m. on Friday, July 28th through 5 a.m. on Monday July 31 to permit work on a waterline that will be placed under the roadway.

The freeway exit will be open and allow access to and from Princess Drive south of the freeway, but motorists will not be able to get on or off of the freeway via Pima Road north of the 101.

Detour routes are Hayden Road and Thompson Peak Parkway. Local access will be provided to residents who live along Pima Road south of Thompson Peak Parkway in Ironwood Village, Pima Acres, DC Ranch and Grayhawk. Access to homes will be provided from the north via the Pima Road and Thompson Peak Parkway intersection.



Tree Removal to Begin on Pima Road Median

Trees will begin being removed from the sides of the landscaped medians during the weekend closure of the Pima Road. For the last month, the boxing process has been taking place – the walls and the bottoms of the boxes have been built and the trees have been allowed to rest in them for several weeks. The salvaged trees will be reused in other locations along the Pima Road corridor. Additionally, several smaller plants are being removed from the median. These plants are all being salvaged and will be replanted in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

The width of the medians must be reduced in order to create space for the two new lanes of traffic. Plants are being removed from both edges of the center median. The center of the landscaped median will remain intact. Only the landscaping on the edges of the median, the area where the two new travel lanes will be placed, and vegetation in the areas where new turn lanes are being installed, will be removed.

The devegetation process will continue through mid-July.



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Major Construction Work Between Hualuapi and Thompson Peak Parkway to Begin July 31

Major road construction will begin on Pima Road between Hualapi and Thompson Peak Parkway on July 31 as a new travel lane is constructed in each direction adjacent to the center median.

This phase of construction will result in major traffic restrictions, at times reducing segments of Pima Road to one travel lane in each direction. Every effort will be made to avoid major restrictions during peak travel times. During peak hours, only one lane will be restricted, this lane will be the opposite direction of the peak hour traffic.

Once the majority of work is done between Hualapai and Thompson Peak Parkway, the new alignment will be connected to existing Pima Road. All roadwork is expected to be complete by the end of November.

Every attempt has been made with the construction schedule to minimize the impact of construction on residents and businesses in the area. The majority of the traffic restrictions will be in place between the months of August and November. Please consider using an alternate route, such as Hayden Road, during this timeframe.

General Project Information

The City of Scottsdale began work on the first phase of the reconstruction and widening of Pima Road from the Loop 101 Freeway to Thompson Peak Parkway in March. The goal of this project is to improve traffic flow, provide added safety for both pedestrians and vehicles, reduce delay times at intersections, improve non-motorized circulation and preserve neighborhood character.

As a major arterial street, Pima Road will expand to six travel lanes by reducing the width of the center median to add two additional travel lanes north of Hualapi. The improved Pima Road will feature a center landscaped median, protected right and left turn lanes, on-street bike lanes, drainage systems, street lighting south of Union Hills and adjoining sidewalks and multi-use paths.

In addition to the improvements to Pima Road, this project will address plans for the future intersection of Union Hills Drive, Hualapi and Thompson Peak Parkway. Modifications to Downing Olson Street and buffering improvements along the Ironwood Village frontage will also be addressed.

Questions?

The City of Scottsdale has established a number of resources for you to continue to receive information on this project. Regular updates are available on the city's web site at http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/CapitalProjects/PimaRoad/. Additionally, if you would like to receive an electronic newsletter on this project, please send your email address to PimaRoad@ScottsdaleAZ.gov. For Further information, please contact City of Scottsdale Design and Construction Director Alex McLaren at (480) 312-7099.